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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/024,632 filed December 19, 2001  
Inventors: Steve Sichuan HE *et al.*  
Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules Associated with Plant Cell Proliferation  
And Growth and Uses Thereof  
Atty. Dkt.: 16517.327

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) are the following documents:

1. Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136;
2. Appellants' Brief, with attached Appendices A and B; and
3. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

Authorization is hereby given to charge \$620.00 (\$500 for filing an Appellants' Brief, and \$120 for a one-month extension of time) to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing docket number 16517.327. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Appellants do not believe any additional fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing docket number 16517.327. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures